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The Etiquette of the Woman Exiting the Home

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- 1 – The *Hijaab* (Islaamic covering for women).
- 2 – Not perfuming (herself).
- 3 – Walking lightly so that the tapping of her shoes is not heard. He, The Exalted, said,

وَلَا يَضْرِبْنَ بِأَرْجُلِهِنَّ لِيُعْلَمَ مَا يُخْفِينَ مِنْ زِينَتِهِنَّ

“And they should not stamp their feet so as to reveal what they hide of their adornment”

Soorah Noor (24): 31

And we have been tested in our time with the high heel shoes. We find the woman who wears it making noise with her shoes. Perhaps, she may even be flirtatious in her walk.

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) spoke the truth when he said, “The woman is deficient so when she exits the home *Shaytaan* (the devil) beautifies her.”¹

- 4 – If she is walking with her sister (in Islaam) and there are men present, she should not speak with her friend. This does not mean the voice of the woman is her *‘awarah* (considered from her private parts), but the men hearing the woman’s voice may lead to *fitnah* (trials and tribulation).

- 5 – Seeking permission from her husband if she is married.

¹ Authenticated by Umm ‘Abdullaah

6 – If the distance she is going is considered traveling, then she should not go without a *Mabram* (a man having reached the age of puberty who is responsible for her; commonly the father, brother, son, or husband).

7 – She should not mix with men.

8 – She should adorn herself with shyness.

9 – She should lower her gaze.

10 – She should not take off her clothing outside of her home if she intends uncovering to show her adornment. It has been relayed on the Prophet (ﷺ) that he said, “Any woman that takes off her clothing outside the house of her husband has removed the veil between her and her Lord.”² And the hadeeth is authentic.

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